(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government to this Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). After conclusion of the total literacy campaign in Kerala in April 1991, the Kerala Saksharata Samiti has started on the post literacy programme covering 12.22 lakh neo-literates in the entire State. The proposal has been approved by the Executive Committee of the National Literacy Mission Authority at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.20 crores, to be shared by the Central and the State Governments in the ratio of 2: 1.

National Centre for Treatment and Research of Thalassemia

1006. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of a national centre for the treatment and research of Thalassemia has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional Lines on Howrah-Kharagpur Section

1007. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start construction of the fourth line from Howrah to Panskura and the third line from Panskura to Kharagpur in Kharagpur division on South Eastern Railway in view of tremendous growth of passenger and goods traffic on this route;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A survey has been carried out and the report is under finalisation. Further decision would depend on results of survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Proposal for a Nature Park in Andhra Pradesh

1008. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union for conversion of forests land abetting Visakhapatnam into a nature park; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Does not arise.

Wagons for Solapur Station

1009. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: